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NEBRASKA CATTLE ON FEED DOWN 6 PERCENT FROM A YEAR AGO

LINCOLN, Neb., February 15, 2002-Nebraska feedlots, with capacities of 1,000 or more head, contained 2.29 million cattle on feed on February 1, according to the USDA's Nebraska Agricultural Statistics Service. The inventory was down 6 percent from last year and 3 percent below February 1, 2000.

Placements during January totaled 490,000 head, up 2 percent from 2001 but 2 percent below 2000.

Fed cattle marketings for the month of January totaled 405,000 head, down 6 percent from last year and 4 percent below January two years ago. Other disappearance during January totaled 25,000 head compared with 20,000 head during January 2001 and 10,000 head during January 2000.

U.S. CATTLE ON FEED DOWN 3 PERCENT

Cattle and calves on feed for slaughter market in the United States for feedlots with capacity of 1,000 or more head totaled 11.6 million head on February 1, 2002. The inventory was 3 percent below February 1, 2001 and slightly below February 1, 2000.

Placements in feedlots during January totaled 2.17 million, 4 percent below 2001 and 2 percent below 2000.

Marketings of fed cattle during January totaled 2.08 million, up 2 percent from both 2001 and 2000. Other disappearance totaled 89,000 during January, 14 percent above 2001 and 29 percent above 2000.

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